



Dear Tribal Partners,

On January 28-29, 2009, an Arizona Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Tribal Training Workshop will be held at the Fort McDowell Radisson Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Workshop is intended to help tribal governments, law enforcement, prosecutors, child welfare specialists, social services, health-care and mental-health care workers, and educators to develop an effective protocol to respond to children in drug endangered environments. The Workshop is a partnership initiative by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, and the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Southwest Meth Program. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation will host the event.

All tribal nations in Arizona are invited to attend this DEC Workshop. Each community is encouraged to assemble a multi-disciplinary team of individuals to participate in the workshop, thereby building the capacity of individuals in these disciplines to respond as a team. Teams should include representatives from the following areas: law enforcement, tribal prosecutors, child protective services, health care, and education. Teams should be multi-disciplinary and composed of carefully selected individuals who provide services directly to tribal members.

The attached registration form can be used to nominate your team. Registrations should be sent to the Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families-Division for Substance Abuse Policy by email to tribalDEC@az.gov or by fax at 602-542-3643.

There are no registration fees associated with this conference. Participants are responsible for securing overnight lodging arrangements. You may contact the Fort McDowell Radisson Resort at 480-789-5300. The Radisson is offering the government per diem rate of \$160 on January 28th, 2009 as long as rooms remain available, so make your reservations as soon as possible. When making reservations refer to "Arizona DEC Tribal Training Workshop."

This workshop is the result of a dynamic partnership between tribal, state, and federal entities dedicated to rescuing, protecting, sheltering, and supporting children at risk in our communities. We sincerely hope your community will be well-represented at this important event.

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